PUBLIC ACTS, 1999

CHAPTER NO. 482

HOUSE BILL NO. 1138

By Representatives McMillan, Odom, Brenda Turner

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1366

By Senator Person

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3, Part 36, relative to orders of protection.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-612, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection (b):

(b) Either the court that originally issued the order of protection or a court having jurisdiction over orders of protection in the county where the alleged violation of the order occurred shall have the authority and jurisdiction to conduct the contempt hearing required by subsection (a) of this section. If the court conducting the contempt hearing is not the same court that originally issued the order of protection, the court conducting the hearing shall have the same authority to punish a violation of the order of protection as the court originally issuing such order.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 27, 1999

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER E OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17th day of June 1999